

## SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST COUNCIL



*Icon of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicea*

## **May 29, 2022: Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council**

Epistle: Acts 16: 16-34

Gospel: Jn. 9: 1-38

<b>Mon., May 30</b>	9:00	+ Those Who Died in the Service of Our Country
<b>Tues., May 31</b>	9:00	+ Kevin Fisher (Lauren Telep)
<b>Wed., June 1</b>	9:00	+ Anna Benio (Rosemarie Sember)
<b>Thurs., June 2</b>	9:00	+ Johnathan Sawko (Mary Ann & John Turko)
<b>Fri., June 3</b>	9:00	+ Mary & Harry Farnetti (Leo Danylak)
<b>Sat., June 4</b>	<b>No Morning Divine Liturgy</b>	
	2:00	<b>Confessions</b>
	4:00 pm	+ Anna & Michael Shumek (Michael Shumek Family)
<b>Sun., June 5</b>	10:30	+ For Our Parishioners

### **First Antiphon**

Clap your hands, all you peoples;\* sing to God a song of gladness.

*Through the prayers of the Mother of God, \* O Savior, Save us.*

For the most high Lord is awesome;\* He is a mighty King over all the earth.

*Through the prayers of the Mother of God, \* O Savior, Save us.*

He subjects many peoples under us, bringing nations below our feet.

*Through the prayers of the Mother of God, \* O Savior, Save us.*

The Lord God ascends with acclamation,\* amidst the sound of trumpets.

*Through the prayers of the Mother of God, \* O Savior, Save us.*

### **Third Antiphon**

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior.

*Son of God, exalted in glory, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

*Son of God, exalted in glory, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth.

*Son of God, exalted in glory, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

**Entrance Hymn**

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.  
*Son of God, exalted in glory, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

**Hymn to the Mother of God**

Extol, my soul, the Lord exalted gloriously in the flesh above the heavens. All of us believers, with one accord, \* proclaim your greatness as the Mother of God, \* for in time you gave birth to the timeless One, \* defying words and human understanding.

**Communion Verse**

Praise the Lord from the heavens; \* praise Him in the highest.  
Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous ones; \* praise from the upright is fitting.  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST NICENE  
COUNCIL**

Three times a year we remember particularly the Holy Fathers who took part in the seven great Ecumenical Councils, which defined the teachings of our faith and regulated much of our Church practice. The Church is patristic, based securely on the teachings of the Holy Fathers, who in turn are based on what the Lord Jesus Christ revealed, what the Apostles proclaimed, and what the Church has received. By holding fast to the teachings of the seven great Ecumenical Councils, we maintain the True Faith in the One True God, the True Faith in Jesus Christ. Today

we honor the Holy Fathers of the First Council of Nicea. This Council took place in 325 A.D. The Council defined and proclaimed the Church's teaching that Jesus Christ is fully and absolutely True God and True Man. The Council of Nicea also canonized about two-thirds of the Creed, which today we call the "Nicene Creed," in honor of that Council. The First Council of Constantinople approved the rest. This Sunday recalls the victory of the true faith over its enemies and affirms the importance of the First Ecumenical Council, held in Nicaea in 325 A.D.

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day because it was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former sailors and soldiers. On May 5, 1868, Logan declared in General Or-

der No. 11 that:

*The 30<sup>th</sup> of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land.*

*In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.*

During the first celebration of Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union

and Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery.

This 1868 celebration was inspired by local observances of the day in several towns throughout America that had taken place in the three years since the Civil War. In fact, several Northern and Southern cities claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day, including Columbus, Miss.; Macon, Ga.; Richmond, Va.; Boalsburg, Pa.; and Carbondale, Ill.

In 1966, the federal government, under the direction of President Lyndon Johnson, declared Waterloo, N.Y., the official birthplace of Memorial Day. They chose Waterloo - which had first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866 - because the town had made Memorial Day an annual, community-

wide event during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

By the late 1800s, many communities across the country had begun to celebrate Memorial Day and, after World War I, observances also began to honor those who had died in all of America's wars. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May. (In addition to Memorial Day, Veterans Day, a day set aside to honor all veterans, living and dead, is celebrated each year on November 11. The date was chosen because of the armistice of World War I, the 11<sup>th</sup> month, the eleventh day, the eleventh hour.)

## 24 Notes That Tap Deep Emotions

*Day is done, gone the sun,  
From the hills, from the lake,  
From the skies.  
All is well, safely rest,  
God is nigh.*

*Go to sleep, peaceful sleep,  
May the soldier or sailor,  
God keep.  
On the land or the deep,  
Safe in sleep.*

*Love, good night, Must thou go,  
When the day, And the night  
Need thee so?  
All is well. Speedeth all  
To their rest.  
Fades the light; And afar  
Goeth day, And the stars  
Shineth bright,  
Fare thee well; Day has gone,  
Night is on.*



*Thanks and praise, For our days,  
Neath the sun, Neath the stars,  
Neath the sky,  
As we go, This we know,  
God is nigh.*

Of all the military bugle calls, none is so easily recognized or more apt to render emotion than the call

Taps. The melody is both eloquent and haunting and the history of its origin is interesting and somewhat clouded in controversy. In the British Army, a similar call known as Last Post has been sounded over soldiers' graves since 1885, but the use of Taps is unique with the United States military, since the call is sounded at funerals, wreath-laying and memorial services.

## OUR CONDOLENCES

We are saddened to announce that Victor Minajew, our Maintenance Man at St. Cyril's for over 15 years, passed away on Saturday, May 14, 2022, at the age of 64. We express our sympathy to his family and close friends. Victor's

Funeral was held on Monday, May 23, 2022. Sympathy cards can be sent to Victor's Wife Henryka at 653 E. 5 Pine Street, Olyphant, PA. 18447 (*Corrected Address*). May his memory be eternal! Vichnaya Pamyat!

## 12TH ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE FUNDRAISER AT ST. CYRIL'S ON JUNE 10-11TH 2022

We need your Newspapers and Boxes!!! Drop off at the school gym during scheduled times or after the Divine Liturgy on Saturday and Sunday, during May. Bring newspaper, a few boxes, or a truckload of boxes !!!

St. Cyril Church (Olyphant) 2-DAY Sale, (June 10-11) with a savings of 50% off ticket prices on furniture and thousands of rummage sale items. Plus specific pricing on certain merchandise: all books at .25 cents each (soft and hardcover: cookbooks, popular authors, sports, business, etc) all Album records .50 cents each, glasses\* listed as .25 cents each, will be "2 glasses for .25 cents" and stuff animals\* are .25 cents each (\*few exceptions in the Vintage area), Untencils will be, 2 pcs. for .25 cents. VHS tapes are now 2 for 25 cents.

Volunteers are always needed. This week, Tuesday, May 31 and

Wednesday, June 1, and Thursday, June 2, Starting at 9:45 a.m. for a few hours. All your help is appreciated. Contact Father Nestor at 570-291-4541 or Lauren, Cell 646-241-9443. The success of this fundraiser is financially important to St. Cyrils Church. Donations are always accepted for the Fall/September 2022 Sale.

The week of the sale, ( for June 10-11) we are planning on setting up and bringing items from St. Cyril's school gym outside on June 8th and June 9th. We need men to help with the setup in the back of the Rectory, Garage, and School. June 8th and 9th, depending upon the weather, starting at 9:45 a.m. We need the friends, and parishioners of St. Cyril Church, especially the men to help out at this time. Give a few hours of help to the Church and this fundraiser.

Volunteers, family, and friends are needed for June 10th and 11th. We will have 4 cash registers open for the sale: The main checkout, the jewelry table, the express table, and the outside furniture check-out table. Volunteers are needed, especially for the morning shift when we open at 9:00 a.m (Arrive by 8:15 a.m.) Cashiers, wrappers, and baggers!!! We will be selling tickets for St. Cyrils Raffle slated to be picked on July 17, 2022. We will have lunch, on both days, for all volunteers.

“Customer Service” Help is also needed to hand out boxes to customers and help to carry them to their cars, etc...crowd control and security at the doors, direction to the portable toilets, refreshments, straightening of the merchandise on the tables, info on 50% off sale, and special priced items etc... A variety of positions for everyone!!! to lend a helping hand as we all work together for this major fundraiser for our church, as we all did for the St. Cyrils Food Trucks. Contact Lauren or Father Nestor for additional information. A momentary donation box will be available for Donations for Ukraine via the Philadelphia Archdiocese during the sale.

## **COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...**

The Collection Processing Team for Jerry Sereditch, Michaelene Davis, the month of May 2022 is Team #1: and Gloria Jablonski.

**Sunday Collection for May 21 & 22, 2022: \$**

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### *Knowledge of the True God Nurtures Us to Eternal Life*

Are we saying that knowledge is eternal life? Are we saying that to know the one true and living God will suffice to give us complete security for the future without need of anything else? Then how is "faith apart from works dead?" When we speak of faith, we mean the true knowledge of God and nothing else, since knowledge comes by faith. The prophet Isaiah tells us this: "If you do not believe, neither shall you understand." But he is not talking about a knowledge that consists in barren speculations, which is entirely worthless. For one of the holy disciples said, "You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe and shudder." What then shall we say to this? How is it that Christ speaks the truth when He says that eternal life is the knowledge of God the Father, the one true God, and with Him of the Son? I think, indeed, we must answer that the saying of the Savior is completely true. For this knowledge is life, laboring as it were in birth of the whole meaning of the mystery and

granting to us participation in the mystery of the Eucharist, whereby we are joined to the living and life-giving Word. And for this reason, I think, Paul says that the Gentiles are made fellow members of the body and fellow partakers of Christ, inasmuch as they partake in His Blessed Body and Blood. And our members may in this sense be conceived of as being members of Christ. This knowledge, then, which also brings to us the Eucharist by the Spirit, is life. For it dwells in our hearts, reshaping those who receive it into son-ship with Him and molding them into incorruption and piety toward God through life, according to the Gospel. Our Lord Jesus Christ, then, knowing that the knowledge of the one true God brings to us and promotes our union with the blessings of which we have spoken, says that it is eternal life. It is the mother and nurse of eternal life, being in its power and nature pregnant with those things that cause life and lead to life.

*St. Cyril of Alexandria*